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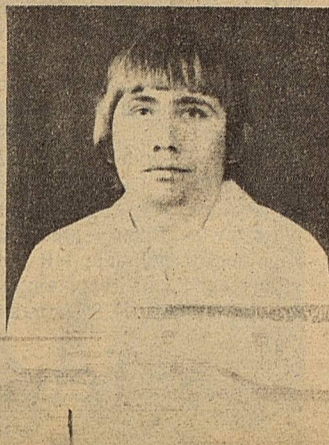
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LISA McLEROY



BRENT RHOTON

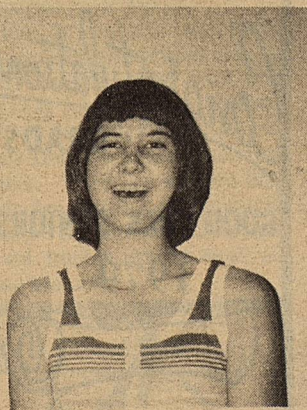
Ranks In Top 5%

Glynda Burkett, Borden High School Junior, has been informed that her score on the testing for the National Merit Scholarship Program has placed her in the upper 5 per cent in the nation. More than 1 million students of the Junior class were tested in 1978.

In September of 1979 the students in the top 5 per cent will be notified if they are designated as semifinalist for the 1980 program. They will then be tested again and if Glynda's score is in the top 99 1/2 percentile of High School seniors in the nation, she will be awarded a Merit Scholarship. This is the top ranking honorary scholastic scholarship in the nation. The last Merit Scholar to graduate from B.H.S. was Kathryn Holmes in 1967.

Glynda, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Jim Burkett, has had a busy spring during the last semester of her Junior year. She was eligible for six District U.I.L. contests, placing in five. They were: Debate, 1st; Number sense, 1st; Ready writing, 1st; Typewriting, 5th; and Science 7th. She and her teammate Janna Love, went on to win the Regional Debate title and to become the first in the State in Class B Debate.

Glynda is also active in athletics, 4-H and F.H.A.



GLYNDA BURKETT



DUB BOWLUS



W. O. RUCKER, JR.

Honored Students Named

1979 Honor students at Borden High School are Lisa McLeroy, Valdictorian, and Brent Rhoton, Salutatorian.

Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy maintained a grade average of 95.74 and plans to enroll in Texas Tech University.

In her four years of high school Lisa has been active in Basketball, track, tennis, FHA, 4-H and band. She has won honors in voice and piano and prose reading. As 1978-79 president of the Beta Club, Lisa also held an office in the Student Council for four years. In this, her senior year, she served on the annual staff, was head cheerleader, and selected for Who's Who among High School Students. She also served as FFA Sweetheart in 1978. Lisa was also chosen by the student body and faculty as "Miss BHS", "Most Talented," "Most School Spirit", and "Most Likely to Succeed".

Brent Rhoton, Salutatorian, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rhoton Jr. He has maintained a grade average of 93.82 and will attend Howard College on a band scholarship.

Brent had hard luck the beginning of his Junior year when he was in a motorcycle accident. He was hospitalized the entire fall semester with a leg injury. Even so, he was able to maintain a high scho-

lastic average and was active in 4-H and FFA, the concert band, and UIL events. This year he placed third in Debate and also 3rd in Science in the District.

Brent says his favorite courses are debate, science, and Vocational Ag. He hopes to pursue these studies at Howard College.

Awards Banquet Slated

The 1979 Awards Banquet will be held in the Borden High School cafeteria Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

This is the annual Athletic Banquet. However this year the UIL Academic awards will be combined with the Athletic achievements.

Dan Irons, professional football player for the San Francisco 49'ers will be guest speaker. Don is a 1978 graduate from Texas Tech.

Tickets for the banquet will be available at Mrs. Briggs office in the High School from Thursday, May 17th through Monday 21st. The charge is \$3.75. Everyone is cordially invited.

Guest Speakers

The Borden High School graduating class has selected Mr. Dub Bowlus of Lubbock as guest speaker for the Graduation ceremony. The program will be held in the High School Auditorium Thursday, May 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Dub Bowlus is a native of Baird, Texas, a town of some 6000 population 20 miles east of Abilene. He is a graduate of Baird High School and Hardin Simmons University.

Bowlus has been in broadcasting in Lubbock since 1960 and has now traded television weather reporting for radio news work; reporting news for radio station KRLB in Lubbock where he is associated with Don Workman and 'Big Ed' Wilkes.

Bowlus is married and has a son who is high school graduate and a daughter who graduates from Coronado High School in Lubbock next year.

Bowlus says his favorite pastimes are reading mystery stories and listening to country music. Through his years in broadcasting he has become friends with several performers; notably Eddy Arnold, Lynn Anderson and The Statler Brothers.

He says he is happy with his switch to radio news be-

cause he no longer catches the blame for West Texas dust storms which, he says, is the fate of a TV weatherman.

He and his wife, Jean have two children, Barry and Shari.

Mr. W. O. Rucker, Jr., will deliver the Baccalaureate address Sunday, May 20th to the 1979 Borden High School graduating class, families and friends. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Mr. Rucker is pastor of Northridge-Gail United Methodist Churches, having served in this capacity for the last four years. He has been in the ministry for 24 years.

Before entering the ministry he was a coach and school administrator, and he also was a faculty member of Southwest Texas State University.

He attended college at Mc Murry, Texas Tech, and Southwest Texas State University. He was one of the first students accepted for the Ph.D. program at Texas Tech.

Upon entering the ministry, he attended Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas.

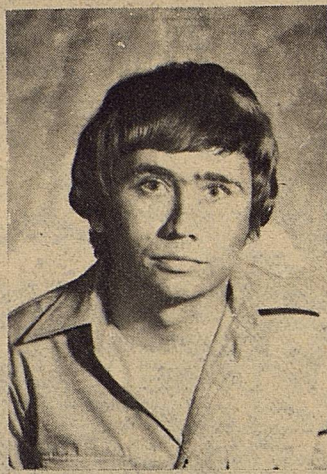
He is married and has two married daughters.

Borden County School News



LISA McLEROY

Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy of Gail plans to attend Texas Tech University. She achieved the Valedictorian Honors of her graduating class. She enjoyed Spanish, F.H.A. showing lambs in 4-H Cheerleading, piano, voice, basketball, photography. She also participated in basketball, track, F.H.A., 4-H, Beta Club, Band, Student Council, Class Officer 4 years, tennis, Prose Reading, Voice & Piano Honors; Most School Spirit; Most Talented, F.F.A. Sweetheart, Most Likely to Succeed, Beta Club President, Head Cheerleader, Miss B.H.S., Who's Who Among High School Students, Annual Staff.



BRENT RHOTON

Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Rhoton, Jr of Gail Route. He plans to attend Howard College and Texas Tech. He received a band scholarship from Howard College. He enjoyed most in school - band, debate, Science and Ag. He also participated in 4-H, F.F.A., and the most important- received the Salutatorian Honors for his graduating class.



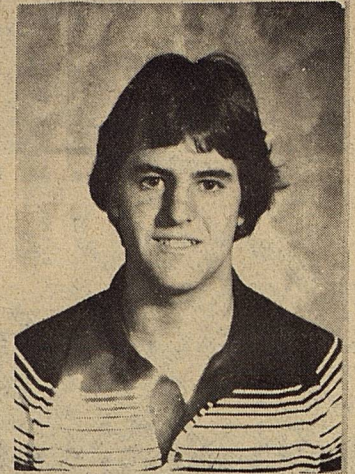
VICKIE JONES

Vickie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMurrin of Fluvanna, Texas plans to attend Howard College where she has received a Cheerleading Scholarship. She has enjoyed F.H.A. Basketball, Tennis and Shorthand this year. She was also a member of The Beta Club, Vice-Pres. of F.H.A., Who's Who Among American High School Students in 77-79, 4-H basketball, track, tennis, piano, One-Act Play- Area II Hon. Mention, All Star Cast, U.I.L. Shorthand, 1st, Newswriting, 1st and Debate, 3rd. She was Miss B.H.S. All-School Favorite, Homecoming Queen, Most Beautiful, Shorthand State Alternate, Class Sec., Free Throw Champ-Greenwood.



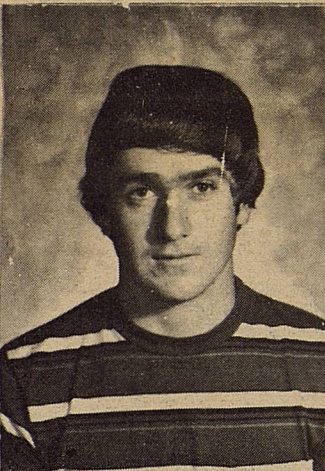
RHESA WOLF

Rhessa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wolf of Vincent Rt, Coahoma plans to attend Texas Tech University this summer and next fall. She enjoyed cheerleading, piano, F.H.A. and photography and also her friends. She participated in basketball, tennis, 4-H, Beta Club, Student Council, track, annual staff, voice, piano, and U.I.L. She was F.H.A. President, Student Council Sec., Class Favorite for 4 years, F.F.A. Sweetheart Who's Who Among American High School Students, 4-H Secretary, and 4-H Reporter. She was also Football Sweetheart.



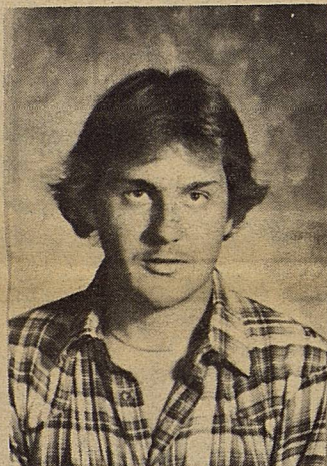
PERRY SMITH

Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Smith of Gail plans to attend Texas Tech University. He enjoyed playing football, basketball, tennis, track, 4-H, F.F.A., and all other organizations that he participated in. He was a member of the Zone Champion Football team his Junior year, received Honorable Mention Linebacker and Center his Senior year. In basketball he was All District his senior year. Perry was also chosen Most Athletic, F.H.A. Beau, Most Talented and Most Handsome by classmates.



RAY DON UNDERWOOD

Ray Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Underwood of Fluvanna plans to go to work soon. He enjoyed typing, Spanish and Science in school and was very active in 4-H.



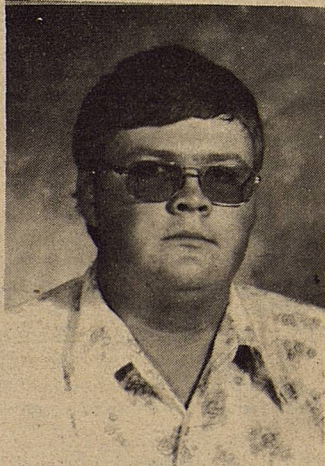
CHUCK CANON

Chuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Canon of Star Route 2, Lamesa plans to attend San Angelo State. He enjoyed Accounting, Business Education, Free Enterprise and voice. He was a member of 4-H, The Annual Staff and took voice lessons.



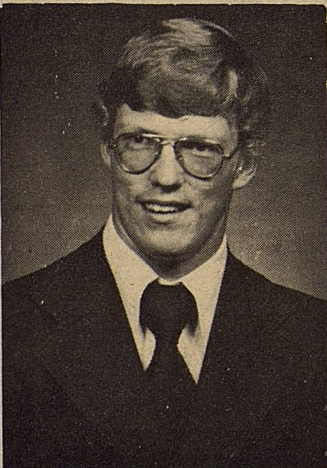
PENNYE THOMPSON

Pennye, granddaughter of Mrs. L.B. Jones of Route 5, Fahoka, Texas, plans to attend Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She enjoyed basketball, tennis, and livestock shows, clerical practice, photography, being Drum Major, and just being with her friends. She was chosen Most Athletic and Band Sweetheart. Pennye was also a member of the Annual staff and senior class president.



JOHN ELDRIDGE

John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Eldridge of Lubbock worked during his high school career, so had very little time for extra-curricular activities. He was in charge of the sound effects for the Coyote Band during his senior year.



SID WESTBROOK

Sid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Westbrook of Gail plans to attend Howard College in Big Spring. He enjoyed Agriculture courses and track most during high school. He was chosen All-District in Football, went to regional in track in the 100 yd dash, 440 relay. He belonged to F.F.A. and 4-H.

Ten Seniors Graduate May 24

Ten Borden High School seniors are candidates for graduation on May 24th. The Commencement exercises will be held at 8:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium.

Candidates are Pennye Thompson, Ray Don Underwood, Vickie Jones, Lisa McLeroy, Rhessa Wolf, Chuck Canon, John Eldridge, Perry Smith and Sid Westbrook. and Brent Rhoton.

Dub Bowlus will bring the Commencement Address for the exercises. Mrs. Bennie Golden will bring the Special music.

Baccalaureate Services will be held May 20, at 11:00 A.M. The Rev. W.O. Rucker of the Dorward Methodist Church will bring the Baccalaureate Sermon. Laura Lynn Hickman and Mr. Wayne Graham will bring the Special Music

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SENIORS READY TO LEAVE ON THEIR SENIOR TRIP: Left to right-back row Vickie Jones, Chuck Canon, Perry Smith, Lisa McLeroy. Second row: Johnny Kite (driver) Sid Westbrook, Brent Rhoton, Mrs. Netta Jarrett (sponsor), John Eldridge, and Joe Copeland (sponsor). Front: Mrs. Beverly Copeland, Rhessa Wolf, Pennye Thompson and Ray Don Underwood. Mr. Ben Jarrett also accompanied the group.

Borden County School News



SENIOR BAND STUDENTS OF MR. JIM PARKER (BACK) played in their last band concert at Borden County Schools last week. They are left to right- Lisa McLeroy, Rhesa Wolf, Brent Rhoton, Vickie Jones, Perry Smith, Penny Thompson and John Eldridge.



THE COYOTE BAND FRONT LINE- Left to Right- Twirlers- Stephanie Stephens, and Kay Copeland. Drum Majors- Karen Williams and Carla Jones.

Coyote Band Front Line Selected

Seniors Carla Jones and Karen Williams will serve as Drum Majors for the Borden Coyote Band during the 1979-1980 school year. Carla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones and Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams. Both are fine musicians and section leaders for their respective instruments. Twirlers for the 1979-80 school year will be Kay Copeland and Stephanie Stephens. Kay will be a sophomore and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Copeland, Stephanie will be a freshman and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens. The 1979-80 Coyote Marching Band will make its first appearance next fall at the Klondike football game and will be debuting hopefully a striking new set of uniforms. Band members would like to extend best wishes to graduating seniors. You will be missed. Also the Band wishes to thank everyone for support and encouragement this year. Have a fun summer!

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Cheerleaders, Drummers, & Twirlers

Tryouts for Junior High Cheerleaders, Drummers and Twirlers were held last week. The following students were elected for the 1979-80 school year.

Cheerleaders:

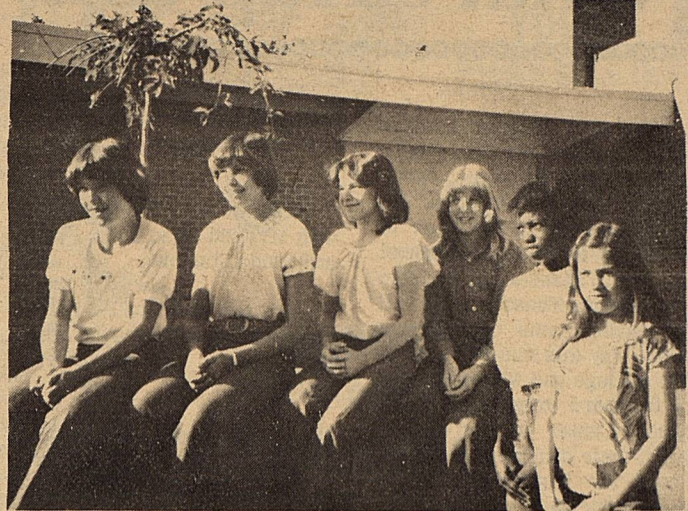
- 8th Grade- Penny Davidson and Roxie Wolf
- 7th Grade- Shana Bradshaw and Shawna Vaughn
- 6th Grade- Cathy York and Mary Washington.

Twirlers:

- 7th Grade: Tanya Hollis
- 6th Grade: Eddie Gordon

Drummers:

- 8th Grade-Dawn Holmes and Kelli McPhaul
- 7th Grade-Duane Summers

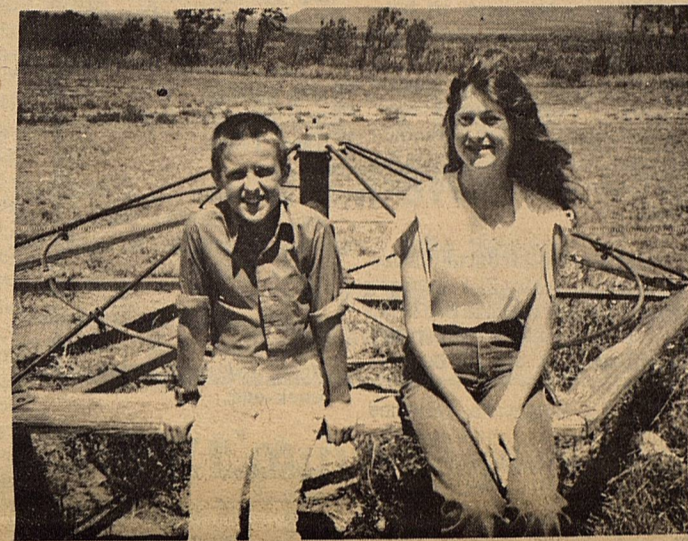


JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS: Left to Right- 8th Graders- Penny Davidson, Roxie Wolf. 7th Graders- Shana Bradshaw, Shawna Vaughn, 6th Graders- Mary Washington and Cathy York.

High School elections will be in next weeks paper. The results will be in on Tuesday, May 15.

Solo Ensemble Contest

Karen Williams will be competing June 1, 1979 at the State Solo-Ensemble Contest to be held on the campus of U.T. Austin. She will be performing Kabalevsky's Prelude #4. Op. 31 for piano. Karen is a Junior at B.H.S. and is actively involved in sports, music, and was a cheerleader this year. She will be competing against other regional winners throughout the state of Texas who earned the right to advance with a Division I rating in advanced Class I competition.



JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS: Eddie Gordon and Tonya Hollis.

Spring Concert

The annual Spring Band Concert was held Tuesday, May 8.

The third grade band students were featured on their recorders, playing "Rinestone Cowboy" and "This Land is Your Land."

The fourth grade played "Sum, Sum, Sum" and a German Folk Song.

The Junior Band, consisting of fifth and sixth grade students played "Chee- Chee- Choo- Choo- Cha- Cha", "Get Up and Boogie", "Carnival for the Trumpets" and "Rinestone Cowboy."

The Coyote Band, comprised of 7th-12th grade band students played "Noble Men", "Copacabana", "Broadway highlights", "Grease" and "Daughters of Texas."

The Coyote Band will be losing seven band students because of graduation. They have done a great job of supporting their school at contests and athletic activities over the past few years. They are seniors John Eldridge, Penny Thompson, Perry Smith, Vickie Jones, Brent Rhoton, Rhesa Wolf and Lisa McLeroy.



DRUMMERS: Kelli McPhaul and Dawn Holmes. Duane Summers was unavailable for picture.

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The Rich Andersons report that it's nice to have their college students home. John returned home last week. He is considering going back to A & M for summer school in June. Martha got in from San Marcus Tuesday. She will be getting some courses out of the way this summer at Howard College and will be working at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center in Big Spring. Also, their daughter Mary, was home for Mother's Day - a nice surprise. Mary and her husband Steve Hiatt live in Austin.

Kevva Tucker of Del Rio is taking a few days off between college at San Marcos and a summer job. She is spending some time in Borden County visiting her sister Deidre Smith and the Rich Andersons. Kevva will work in the Art Gallery in Del Rio this summer.

Jill Voss fell from her horse last Sunday and had to have seven stitches taken in her chin. She is doing nicely and ready to climb back on Ol' Booger.

Aubrey Rogers has returned from a weeks visit in California. Aubrey spent some time with his daughter Aleita Nichols and her family.

Lake News

Mrs. Della Brooks, Mrs. Christine LaRue, and Miss Ginger La Rue attended Reverend Richard Dickerson's graduation from the Fort Worth seminary.

Brenda, Charlotte, and Barbara returned from their visit with Donald and Cindy Longorio in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Perry have returned from their Pacific Northwest trip.

Mrs. Dorothy Brown visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Perry and Linda Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pat Harding have recently moved their home next to Mrs. Pat Harding's

Barbara and James Morgan of Snyder have visited Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Brown this weekend.

Mrs. Pam Cooley took Mr. A. P. Brooks to Hall-Bennett in Big Spring. He has suffered an apparent heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Anderson are visiting their daughter, Judy, and her family in Levelland, Texas.

Mr. John C. Skelton and Mr. Roy Shaffer paid a brief visit to Mrs. M. L. Perry and Linda Stanford.

Mr. Richard Szcwanski, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Anderson, visited this week-end.

Mr. J. W. Gray killed a rattlesnake that measured 11" around.

Mrs. Melvin (Ann) Wise has been in I.C.U. for 2 weeks from a car wreck. Get well cards would be appreciated and you can send them to: 904 Sears Artesia, New Mexico.

Mr. J. W. Gray celebrated his birthday on Saturday.

Many reported having a grand time at the "Secret Grandparent's" Tea given by the Borden High School Home Economics Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lee and son, Cody visited Mr. and Mrs. John Redding on Mother's Day.

Training In Germany

U.S. FORCES, Germany (AHTNC) May 11 - ---- 1st Lt. Keith R. Mahler, whose wife Lisa lived in Gail, Texas, recently participated in an Army Training and Evaluation Program in Germany.

The program is designed to evaluate individual and unit efficiency under simulated combat conditions.

Mahler is a training officer in the office of the assistant chief of Staff with the 503rd Military Intelligence Company in Germany.

He entered the Army in July 1976.

The lieutenant received his commission through the ROTC program. He received a master's degree in 1976 from Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Mahler, live at 2731 Briar Grove St., San Angelo. Mrs. Lisa Mahler's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennis of Gail.

Area College Graduates

Jimmy D. McLeroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McLeroy, was among approximately 2,000 degree candidates who graduated in Texas Tech University commencement exercises this spring. U. S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen delivered the 1979 commencement address.

Individual college ceremonies were May 12. Jim received his BBA degree in Accounting with a 3.46 grade average. He has been accepted in the Texas Tech school of Law and plans to continue his education there this fall.

One hundred fifteen seniors received diplomas at Lubbock Christian College's spring graduation exercises April 28, including Catherine Jackson of Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jackson. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

While at LCC, Catherine was very active as she participated as a member of the Royal Blue Band, the A Cappella Chorus, and the Kappa Phi Kappa Women's Social Club. As a senior, Catherine was selected as a Homecoming Queen candidate, Miss LCC runner-up, and recipient of the President's Award for showing the greatest promise for future spiritual service. Catherine graduated from Borden Co. High School in 1975.

Ed Huddleston received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law in a Hooding Ceremony held May 12 at the University Center Theatre.

Ed and his family will be moving to Fort Worth where Ed will be with the law firm of Law, Snakard, Brown, and Gambill.

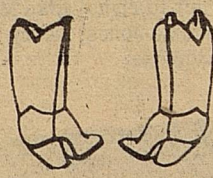
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Recycling Campaign

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Alcoa will donate a penny to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Texasans are encouraged to use the toll-free number Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30p.m. to find the location of their nearest participating recycling center.

Twenty-five states are participating in the Olympics campaign. Alcoa expects the recycling activity will raise more than \$135,000 for the U. S. Olympic Committee.



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I'm going to let you write this week's piece to suit yourselves. Listed below are the ten planks of the Communist Manifesto. You see if you can update this blueprint to fit the United States in 1979. I'll slip in a few factual hints along the way.

I. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes. As of 1976, 33.5% of the total land area of the U.S. was owned by the Fed. Do the Endangered Species Act or the Natural Wilderness Act mean control to you?

II. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax. Government now absorbs 43.5% of all personal income. Who has revealed to you that there are 100 hidden and indirect taxes on one egg--600 on a house?

III. Abolition of all rights of inheritance. None of you need to be provided with any facts about this one. We all know that should we have anything left by the time we pass, we should have buried it deep and left the kids the treasure map in the hollow of the tree.

IV. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels. During WWII, assets of German and Japanese companies operating in the U.S. were confiscated and sold. The money went to the United States Treasury.

V. Centralization of credit in the hands of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly. Federal Reserve System.

VI. Centralization of the means of communication and transportation in the hands of the

state. FCC--ICC--Department of Transportation.

VII. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state, the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan. Harrassment by such as OSHA--The USDA employs 138,303 persons and spends \$22 bil. a year to regulate farmers and ranchers.

VIII. Equal liability of all to labor. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture. CETA--Congress just authorized an extra \$46 bil to fund this industrial army of 750,000 people.

IX. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of the distinction between town and country by more equable distribution of population over the country. The Urban Land Institute wants everyone huddled in rabbit warrens called apartments.

X. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production. No need for hints here. You all are aware of what HEW has done to education and what minimum wage had done in preventing young people from having jobs. But here is a hint of things to come--a Department of Education.

You'll need a bigger tablet than I have to elaborate on each of these planks. But listing and categorizing government agencies, interferences, and infringements becomes fascinating ---if not nerve shattering.

Fun, meeting people, and sharing ideas are all a part of the annual State 4-H Roundup at Texas A & M University. And 4-H'ers in Borden County are working hard to prepare for qualification for the event to be held June 5-6, points out Kathy Blagrave, County Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Roundup includes a number of "show and tell" activities or method demonstrations and illustrated talks, judging, speaking, share-the-fun, and food show. The second annual State 4-H Project Show will also be held in conjunction with Roundup.

Each Extension district throughout Texas has a District 4-H Roundup during the spring.

Several Borden County youngsters competed in District 2 Roundup in Lubbock last Saturday. The youth were involved in Method Demonstrations, illustrated Talks, and Share-the-Fun. The latter contest is an entertainment event. Carl and Wayne Daugherty placed second in Electric, Kim Wills placed third in Foods and Nutrition and Gerry Smith received a second place ribbon for his Horticulture Demonstration. Julie Ridenour and Kristi Stone placed second with their Pork Illustrated Talk, and Mickey Burkett and partner Michael Murphy also placed second in Sheep.

Also participating in the contest were Borden County Share-the-Fun group. Members were Glynda Burkett, Cole Herring, Carla Jones, Tammy Merritt, Jym Rinehart, Chip Smith, Suzanne Walker, Ty Wills, and Van York.

Borden County also participated in the District 2 Judging Contests which were held April 28th in Lubbock. Team members were as follows: Horse Mickey Burkett, Brice Key, Michael Murphy, Kristi Stone, Rona Sturdivant; Livestock - Carl Daugherty, Wayne Daugherty, Keith Martin, Julie Ridenour; Dairy - Becky Massingill, and Gerry Smith.

Also attending the contests were Mr. & Mrs. Bob Daugherty, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ridenour, Carolyn Stone, Jim Burkett, Pat Murphy, Terry Smith, Jacqueline Wills, Mrs. Don Jones, Kathy Blagrave, and Sam Field.

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WINDBREAKS RELIEVE ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS

Young tomato and pepper plants usually wilt to some degree soon after being transplanted into the garden. Imagine the shock to a tender tomato plant that began life in a warm, humid greenhouse, when it is suddenly uprooted from a pleasant environment, planted in cold soil, buffeted by strong, dry, west wind all afternoon and "treated" to 12 hours of temperatures ranging from 40 to 50 degrees.

It is no wonder that its stem turns purple, its leaves droop and it gets that ragged look. This plant may take weeks to recover and begin to grow again.

Next to a spring frost, wind is the worst enemy of young vegetables, especially tomatoes and peppers. Contrary to popular belief, the tomato plant cannot be hardened to cold or to wind desiccation. So, it makes sense to give it all the protection that you can until the weather calms down.

There are many ways to protect transplants and seedlings from the wind and cold. Hotcaps are reinforced waxed paper domes which are set over young plants or newly seeded crops like squash and melons and anchored down with soil around the edges. You must cut a little hole in the side of the hotcap away from the prevailing wind to keep the temperature from rising too high inside the hotcap.

A cage can be constructed from concrete reinforcing wire and wrapped in plastic film, then placed over the tomato plant to shelter it from wind, cold, and hail while letting in most of the sunlight.

Placing tin cans (with the top and bottom cut out) over the plants is not recommended because the sides of the can shade the plant. Only the upper leaves get enough light. The plant stretches toward the light coming through the top of the can. Soon, the leaves reach the rim and are whipped about by the wind.

Empty plastic bottles (the transparent kind used for milk and distilled water) make good plant covers. Be absolutely sure to cut the top off just above the handle to allow ventilation during the day.

Just breaking the force of the wind will be very helpful to the survival and early growth of newly set vegetable plants or seedlings that have just recently emerged. Shakes (the kind used on roofs) or shingles stuck upright in the soil about six inches to the southwest of a newly set plant will shelter it from the hot, dry, afternoon wind. Rows of temporary windbreaks can be set up in small gardens using shakes, snow fence or scrap lumber.

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The Chatter Box

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THE GENERALIZATION GAP

All attitudes and values are learned. The experiences children, teenagers, adults and older adults have influence the way they act and feel and the attitudes they develop. Attitudes are often based on a very limited amount of actual experience with a knowledge about a particular subject.

Consider the images that so often come to mind in response to the word "adolescent": rebellious toward parents, peer-oriented, restless, impulsive, obnoxious, and lazy.

The picture of youth offered in those adjectives is essentially untrue, though it does apply to some teens some of the time. Studies that have examined ordinary adolescents get a different picture. Our concentration on a fraction of

the delinquent or disturbed teenagers has led to generalizations.

The same generalizations often occur when aging adults are considered. The elderly are often thought of as sick, old, poor people who live in nursing homes. However, national statistics about people over 65 reveal that:

- 9% are socially isolated
- 91% are not
- 25% are physically impaired
- 75% are not
- 14% are living below average financially
- 86% are not
- 25% are emotionally handicapped
- 75% are not

Segregation of the old and the young is partly responsible for the misconceptions people possess about each other, and

about other stages of life. Older people used to stay in the family. Homes were big and there was room for extra aunts and grandparents. Families lives close together in communities. Today there are many more old people than in the past. Ways of living have changed. In age-segregated, class-segregated communities, there is no place for old people to live near the young people they care about.

When older people are separated from family life, there is a great loss to both old and young. It is important for teenagers to have opportunities to be with aged people so they can learn about them and begin to understand more about the process of aging.

One reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they can help each other. First person accounts of the parents when they were children reduces parental fury over disorders and fads of the "younger generation". It helps teenagers realize that their parents made mistakes too when they were younger.

It is a popular belief that the way people were treated as children influences the way they treat older people. The late Dr. Margaret Mead related a story which exemplifies this idea:

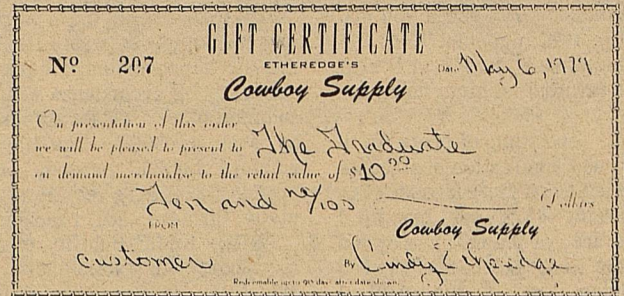
A father bird was carrying a little bird in its beak over a river. The little bird was completely in the power of the father bird. The older bird said, "My son, when I am old will you care for me?"

The little bird said, "No, father but I will care for my children the way you have cared for me."

The story shows something of the way affection is passed down through the generations. But it also reveals a fear of aging. Some people start being miserable about growing old while they are still young, not even middle-aged. They buy cosmetics and clothes that promise them a young look.

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Along with their fear of aging is a fear of the aged. There are many children and teenagers who are afraid of older people because they never see any. Old people are not a regular part of their everyday lives. Children are also aware that their parents cling to youth and regret growing older. Teenagers frequently hear parents and grandparents wishing to be young again back in the good old days. But, were they really as good as often remembered?

A 17 year-old boy, Bobby, recently commented:

"Everyone I talk to seems to want to be young again. But no one sees us for what we are. Teenagers are people. Many times I'm treated like a thing. You can't do anything worthwhile in this society until you're 30. This country doesn't have time or the place or the interest in young people. We're a waste to them because we don't have wrinkles. Hey, if

I suddenly went bald, I could make it."

A 16 year-old girl, Jeannie, said:

"It's hard to guess people's age nowadays because everybody looks older; even if they don't, they act old. Everybody's acting one way or another. If you don't act old you get lost; the world passes by without you."

To obtain more realistic expectations for growing old, it's important for teens to be prepared. Teens should consider what they want to do later in life while they are still young. If they think of their whole life-span and what they are going to do at one stage and then at another, and incorporate these plans into their life picture, teenagers can look confidently to old age. If teens associate enough with older people who do enjoy their lives, they will gain a sense of continuity and of the possibilities for a full life.

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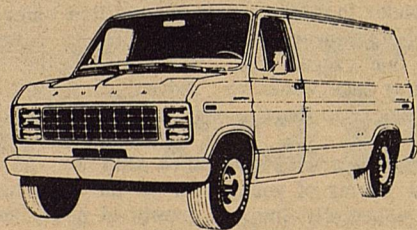


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SCHOLARSHIPS-Dr. and Mrs. A.W. Young, center, meet with Texas Tech University students who hold scholarships honoring Young, former chairperson of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. Each of the three students is majoring in that department. They are, left to right, Michael Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Toombs, Fluvanna; Carl Wardlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Wardlaw, and Donald Ebeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ebeling, both sets of parents from Plainview. Friends and colleagues of Dr. Young provided the scholarship monies. (TECH PHOTO)

Marijuana: Myths vs. Evidence

National Defense Committee, NSDAR

By Phyllis Schlafly

DULLNESS AND PASSIVITY

Dr. Hardin Jones' research caused him to conclude that "marijuana smokers seem to suffer from distorted emotional responses, disordered thinking, dullness, and slothfulness. Early in the use of the drug, these behavioral changes appear to be reversible, but as exposure continues, recovery is less and less complete. Those most severely affected are usually not employed."

Dr. Jones says that many marijuana users in executive offices and factories suffer chronically from an altered judgment and a diminished capacity to take responsibility that may affect the quality of their work. We would all be endangered if airline pilots, air traffic controllers, train motormen, firemen, policemen, surgeons, or automobile drivers use the drug.

The most extensive study of the lingering effect of the hemp drugs was conducted at the request of the Egyptian government by Professor Soueif. Over a period of 25 years, he observed 850 cases of hemp-drug users, which he matched against control cases. All were given standardized tests to record their mental function. The tests showed that "those with a higher level of education - and/or intelligence - show the largest amount of deterioration from marijuana use." The study showed that the cumulative detrimental changes induced by marijuana result in impaired judgment and diminished capacity to take responsibility.

The dullness of the marijuana user appears long before he can be called amotivated. Much more study is needed on the cost of marijuana to industry and to society of how marijuana use induces carelessness, lack of attention, and failure to achieve the highest job performance level.

The Senate Subcommittee report corroborated these findings: "Chronic cannabis use results in deterioration of mental functioning, pathological forms of thinking resembling paranoia, and a massive and chronic passivity and lack of motivation - the so-called amotivational syndrome."

Marijuana has an extraordinary epidemic potential. It is very difficult to take a quart of whiskey or a six-pack of beer to one's job or school. If one did, it would be difficult to find time to get oneself really intoxicated on alcohol while on the job or in school. If a worker or student did get himself stoned on alcohol, he would be given away by his drunken stagger or the smell of alcohol.

But marijuana is cheap enough so that even a fourth or fifth grader can afford to buy a joint or two with his weekly allowance. It is compact enough so that a few joints can be easily concealed on the body. All it requires is a 10 or 15 minute break to get thoroughly stoned. Apart from a tired and passive look which may appear merely to be a lack of sleep, there are no tell-tale symptoms. The user, though stoned, does not walk with a stagger, nor is there any odor on his breath. A student could sit through an entire day in a cannabis stupor and learn nothing, and his teacher would be none the wiser.

Studies of the influence of marijuana on drivers have shown that marijuana impairs judgment and reduces the driver's ability to gauge distance, speed, and road conditions. The severely altered behavior typical of the chronic marijuana user suggests that driving performance would be impaired even between uses; the user is never free from the burden of the active material.

IS DECRIMINALIZATION THE ANSWER?

Ten states have decriminalized marijuana, reducing the

offense to a civil violation or misdemeanor with maximum fines of from \$100 to \$250. Evidence is mounting that, contrary to predictions by drug-use proponents, marijuana use significantly increases after decriminalization. In Oregon (one of the states that has decriminalized) there has been a 35 percent increase in usage in the 18 to 29 age group, and a 255 percent increase in marijuana seizures. No statistics have been collected on the 14 to 18 age group where the most dramatic increase is believed to have taken place. We are witnessing the phenomenon of a generation of young people who grow old before they have even matured.

Many other state legislatures are considering proposals to legalize or decriminalize marijuana. This would be the greatest misservice we could do for our young people and for society. Decriminalization conveys the powerful message that our society has accepted the use of marijuana as respectable and safe, whereas it is neither. Legal respectability would open the door for marijuana manufacturers to conduct an advertising campaign that would rival the tobacco companies, the soft drink companies, and the whiskey distillers in convincing the unsuspecting consumer that their products are a positive good.

If we legalize marijuana or remove the penalties for its use or possession, hundreds of thousands of young people who have refrained from using it will be tempted to try it. Like Russian roulette, they might get by safely with casual experiments; but then, again, they might not.

No drug problem has ever been controlled by decriminalization or by social reforms. In every country where the drug problems have been effectively controlled, it has been thanks to strong laws against both the use and sale of the drug. There is no serious drug problem, for the indigenous population or for the GIs, in Taiwan, South Korea or Japan.

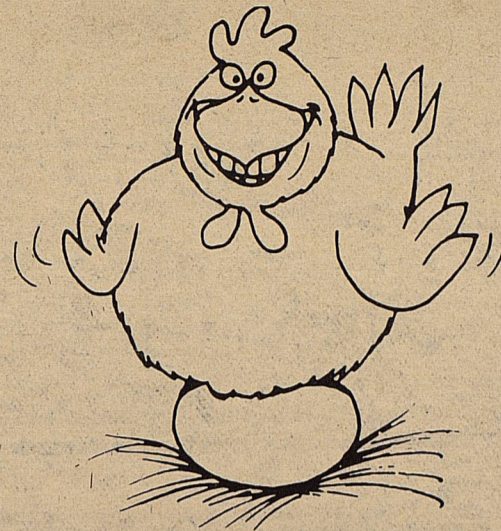
The 1976 Annual Report to the President by the Domestic Council Drug Abuse Task Force contained this conclusion: "Recent research indicated that marijuana is far from harmless, and . . . chronic use can produce adverse psychological and physiological effects. Therefore, its use should be strongly discouraged as a matter of national policy." But this was buried in a footnote, so it is easy to see why people are soothed instead of alarmed about the marijuana epidemic.

The human body has been called "the incredible machine" and the brain is its master control. It governs sensations, moods, thoughts, and actions by a complex series of chemically-related controls. Would you willingly upset this delicate balance by throwing a monkey-wrench in it? That's what smoking marijuana does.

There is NO argument FOR marijuana. Our laws should encourage the protection not the abuse of "the incredible machine."

(This is the last of a four part series on Marijuana.)

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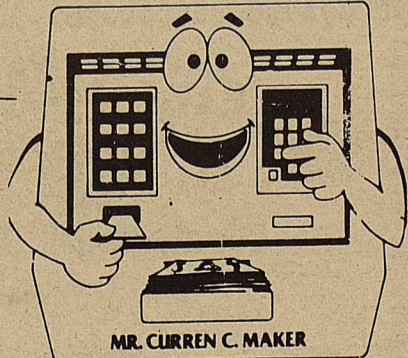


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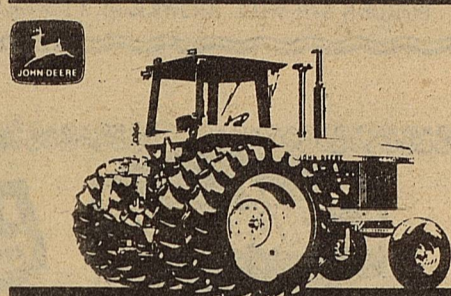
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1979 ACP CONTROL OF COMPETITIVE SHRUBS

Applications for the control of competitive shrubs are now being accepted. The practice formerly known as Brush Control has been renamed "Shrub Control". A shrub is defined as a woody, perennial plant of low structure characterized by persistent stems and branches springing from the base. The practice is intended to control this type of woody plant and not as a practice to control trees.

Practices available under the program include the control of brush by grubbing, control of brush by rootplowing, control of redberry juniper by grubbing, and control of mesquite by aerial spraying with 2,4,5T or Tordon. Cost-shares are set at 65% of the actual cost not to exceed an amount to be determined by the County Committee.

Producers interested in the shrub control practices should apply as soon as possible. To be eligible for cost-shares, applications must be approved by the County Committee before the practice is started. The Committee will meet Friday, May 18th and consider applications filed by that date. The next regular committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 5th.



Congressman
Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

Washington, D.C. — I have introduced a bill (H.R. 3809) in the House of Representatives this past week entitled the Producer Elected Farm Policy Advisory Board Act of 1979. This bill will establish a vehicle whereby the Nation's farmers and ranchers can bring direct producer input into the decision making processes of the Department of Agriculture on policies, procedures, programs, and practices. I believe this will help to alleviate a common complaint from farmers and ranchers that the Secretary and the Department are not responsive to the needs of agriculture.

I have provided that the Board will function for a period of five years, after which the Congress may review the Board's record of achieving the objectives set forth in the bill prior to extending the authority of the Board or letting it expire. I feel that this bill will help to reduce the number and improve the credibility of existing appointed advisory groups in the USDA and will allow the Nation's agricultural producers direct input by their elected representatives in the decision making processes of the Nation's agricultural policies.

Several of my colleagues have introduced bills this session to provide for Cost of Production Boards that would formalize the existing practice of appointing those persons. I believe these bills fail to recognize that usually such Boards only become the instruments of the current Ad-

ministration in power at the time, and therefore are unable to speak out freely and act accordingly on the issues that are of concern to the farmer. Too, these boards would lack the authority to address the full scope of agricultural issues that my bill envisions.

The Board I propose will be composed of 30 agricultural producers, three from each of the ten regions across the Nation. These Board members will be elected by the ASCS committee members in each county in the U.S. and will be unpaid for their services, though they will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses while actually on Board business. The members will serve three year terms with a two term limit. The ten regions designated in my bill were selected on the basis of total agricultural income and the number of farms, in an effort to achieve a good cross section and fair representation of all farmers and ranchers and agricultural production. The Board's clerical and administrative support will come from the Department of Agriculture in an effort to insure that the Board will function as an integral part of the Department and Secretary's office. The Board will nominate all commodity task force members, who will be appointed by the Secretary. The Board and all task force meetings will be open to the public and records of their meetings will be available for public inspection.

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/s/ Norm an Sneed
Tax Assessor
Borden County Independent School

Texas Peaches Worth the Wait

AUSTIN--Ripe, juicy Texas peaches, due on the market around the middle of May, are worth waiting for, reminds the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Tree ripened Texas peaches will be available in many grocery stores," commented Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown, "but consumers should look for promotional material which identifies the crop as Texas-grown."

Many out-of-state shippers pick peaches at a "hard-ripe" stage, Brown pointed out, which never allows the fruit to ripen properly. Out-of-state fruit often reaches the market earlier than prime, tree-ripened Texas peaches.

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